

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – July 10, 2017

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as, Project Roadblock – Drunk Driving Campaign, March of Dimes, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The Valerie Fund, Brooklyn Public Library, CASA Family Day, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Ad Council.

Health: Topics in this category include: Legionnaires' outbreak in the Lenox Hill neighborhood resulted in members of the community sickened, and hospitalized with one death; A high school student was diagnosed with Meningitis in Nassau County; A tourist contracted the Measles during a hotel stay in Bergen County and Lyme disease is on the rise in New York City with more infected patients than any other state in the nation.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 4/26 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a health warning made by Federal health officials alerting all hospitals to be on the lookout for a "superbug fungus." Dozens of patients have been infected, mostly in New York and New Jersey. The fungus is yeast, first identified in Japan in 2009 and can affect wounds, ears and the bloodstream. The most vulnerable appear to be newborns and the elderly. Health officials are on high alert because two of three commonly used antifungal drugs have little effect. 5/5 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a new study that has found a natural compound found in red wine may reduce artery stiffness in some individuals with Type 2 Diabetes. Artery stiffness can increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Researchers at Boston University found patients with the highest amount of stiffness benefited the most. 6/19 Anchor Chris Wragge reports the NY city health department is holding a public information session on the recent Legionnaires' outbreak on the Upper East Side. City leaders updated the Lenox Hill neighborhood on the measures being taken after an elderly person died and six others were sickened by the disease, two remain hospitalized. City Health Commissioner, Mary Bassett said 116 cooling towers in the Lenox Hill area have been inspected and cleaned but they are still awaiting test results. No new cases have been reported within the last five days. Elderly residents are being urged to see a doctor if they begin to experience flu-like symptoms. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 5/10 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a health alert this morning in Long Island. Nassau County school officials announced that a student at John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore has been diagnosed with Meningitis. The bacterial infection is contagious and symptoms can include the following: high fever, headaches, vomiting, stiffness in the neck and a rash. 5/20 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that a teenager vacationing in Bergen County contracted the Measles. The teenager stayed at the Ramada Rochelle Park near Paramus on May 12th and May 13th. After two days, at the hotel, the sick teenager went to Valley Hospital until May 15th. The New Jersey state health department is warning others who may have been exposed. Symptoms can take up to 21 days to show up after exposure which can include a cold, fever, cough, runny nose, rash and watery eyes. The NJ state health department is urging other hotel guests who may have been exposed at the Ramada Rochelle between May 12 and May 13 to see a doctor. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 5/25 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a Zika warning as the summer travel season approaches. New York City health officials are urging people to avoid countries where the mosquito-borne virus is still circulating. Zika can cause severe birth defects and can be transmitted sexually. The department of health reports more than 400 women in NYC tested positive for Zika. In all cases, the virus has been contracted abroad.

The Center for Disease Control has a travel warning for several regions including, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America and Africa. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 5/5 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the nation's growing opioid epidemic. Doctors are looking at alternatives to addictive prescriptions for treating chronic pain. Some experts believe medical marijuana could help curb the nation's narcotic drug crisis. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 5/7 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on the rise of Lyme disease in New York due to the warmer weather. Experts are predicting a rise in cases this year as of this date the state of New York already has more infected patients than any state in the nation. 6/11 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a Legionnaires' scare for the NYPD after the bacteria was detected at a precinct in Manhattan. One police officer who may have been exposed is hospitalized. The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association claimed it found traces of the Legionella bacteria at the East Harlem stationhouse. The NYPD and the health department have launched their own investigation. Community members who live near the precinct are concerned. The hot water supply at the precinct has been shut down.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: Governor Cuomo called on the Federal government for help with the extensive, ongoing transit problems at Penn Station in New York City referring to them as a natural disaster; New Jersey lawmakers try to solve a budget stalemate that threatens a government shutdown and Mayor de Blasio will not budge on increasing budgets to charter schools which has resulted in a deadlock between New York lawmakers.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 4/21 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports beginning today, a medical marijuana company will provide home delivery service in New York City and Long Island. Vireo Health of New York will deliver to patients in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and parts of Suffolk County for patients who suffer from debilitating diseases such as cancer and Lou Gehrig's disease. The deliveries will expand to Westchester, the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. As of now, there are five licensed medical marijuana dispensaries in the state of New York. 4/26 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on support for students who sleep late from the state of New Jersey. A new state report claims teenagers would likely benefit from later start times at school but it also includes the state should not force middle and high schools to adjust their schedules insisting it could produce a logistical nightmare. Health experts claim depriving adolescents of needed sleep could cause physical and mental health problems. The panel agreed that sleep deprivation can harm both health and academic performance. 4/26 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the effort to improve air quality inside New York City schools.

The city has set aside a budget for over the next five years of nearly 29 million dollars to buy and install air conditioning units for every classroom. Councilman Brad Lander contends heat can make concentration difficult and prevent students with health problems from attending class. As of now, 26 percent of the city's classrooms, close to 11, 500, do not have air conditioning. The plan is to have air conditioners installed in every classroom by the year 2022. 6/30 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports that New Jersey lawmakers will try to solve a budget stalemate that threatens a state government shutdown and the deadline is midnight. Governor Christie and the democratic senate president are in a battle with democratic state Assembly Speaker, Vincent Prieto. Prieto refuses to post a bill backed by Christie and the senate president that would overhaul Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, the state's largest health insurance company. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 4/19 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on an announcement made by Governor Cuomo concerning women's reproductive health and rights. Under New York law, insurance companies are responsible to provide coverage for fertility treatment to all women regardless of sexual orientation or marital status. Prior to the announcement, coverage only included women trying to conceive naturally. New York is currently one of just 15 states to mandate that insurers cover infertility costs. 4/28 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the gang violence issue on Long Island which has drawn the attention of the Federal government. Attorney General Jeff Sessions will visit Central Islip promising to address the issue. This stems shortly after four young men were killed earlier this month. 5/22 Anchor Chris Wragge reports Governor Cuomo is appealing the transit problems at Penn Station directly to President Trump. In a letter the governor requested the Federal government to treat this as an emergency situation and provide funding for the short-term Penn construction and transportation alternative and facilitation of a long-term resolution. This stems from the 600 thousand Long Island Railroad and NJ Transit passengers a day who keep getting delayed by signal problems, derailments, breakdowns and even ceiling water leakage. Federally controlled Amtrak owns and maintains Penn Station and is planning six weeks of repair work in July and August that Cuomo says will cut service by about 20 percent causing even more overcrowding and delays. Governor Cuomo is comparing the situation to a natural disaster. 6/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that New York state lawmakers are scheduled to end their legislative session, as a deadlock continues over extending Mayor de Blasio's control of city schools. Senate republicans said the extension should be tied to an increase in charter school. The schools chancellor said Mayoral control is better than reverting to dozens of school boards. Assembly speaker Carl Heastie said he won't budge on increasing charters. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 4/12 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the five borough ban on trans fat which appears to be demonstrating health benefits. A new study found admissions for heart attacks and strokes dropped 6 percent more than in counties without the ban. Researchers translate that information to 43 fewer patients per 100 thousand people. A nationwide ban on artificial trans fats will take effect next year. 4/24 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports Mayor de Blasio announced NYC will expand free full-day pre-k to three year olds. The program will go into effect this fall in the South Bronx and Brownsville, Brooklyn.

The rest of the city would receive it by the year 2021 but the mayor said space limitations and cost will make it difficult. The city will need 700 million dollars in state and Federal funds to reach all three year olds. As of now, pre-k is offered to four year olds. 4/25 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports the controversial concept to provide addicts a place to use drugs. Some doctors and nurses are urging state lawmakers to pass legislation to make so-called “supervised injection centers” legal in the state of New York. The city of Seattle recently approved two sites. Supporters argue it is a way to reduce overdose deaths and transmissions of HIV and Hepatitis C. 5/19 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on signal problems affected the New York subway systems this morning causing backups and crowded platforms. Thousands of frustrated New Yorkers were left stuck on trains and in stations. The New York Subway Riders Alliance blames the recent rail problems on decades of deferred maintenance. They are calling on government officials to invest in improvements. This week the MTA unveiled a 6 point plan to make short-term improvements in the hopes of ending repeated subway delays. 6/5 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the reduction in crime last month. NYC announced there was a seven point six percent drop in crime across the 5 boroughs which include a decline in murders, rapes and burglaries from 2016. Although crime is up on the subways, the City claims it is mostly because of robberies that occur while people are sleeping. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 5/11 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the MTA problems that have been affecting NJ Transit, LIRR and Amtrak commuters for a period of time causing many commuters to reach their breaking points. From leaking ceilings to switch problems and derailments it has been a rough few months for commuters. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 4/13 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports President Trump signed legislation blocking funding to Planned Parenthood. State lawmakers can deny family planning funds to health care providers that offer abortions. The new rule does not however impact Planned Parenthood funding on the Federal level or in the state of New York. 4/22 Political Reporter Marcia Kramer reports on outrage by many over the decision by City University’s Graduate School of Public Health to invite a Pro-Palestinian activist to serve as the commencement speaker. 5/6 Anchor Jessica Moore reports how New York’s attorney general could stop the replacement of Obamacare. Eric Schneiderman is threatening legal action if the senate backs the bill that has already passed the House of Representatives. Senate Republicans have indicated their plan to substantially re-write the legislation. Schneiderman has made it part of his mission to police the administration and was also a Hillary Clinton superdelegate. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 5/7 Anchor Jessica Moore reports senators are beginning to take sides on the bill passed by the House to repeal the Affordable Care Act. New York State Senator, Kirsten Gillibrand claims the bill allows for higher costs for individuals with pre-existing conditions. Gillibrand insists 24 million people would lose their health insurance under this legislation. Last week, House GOP members and President Trump celebrated the vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act and Paul Ryan claimed that Obamacare is failing. Republican Senator, Susan Collins expects the senate to draft its own bill. 5/27 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports Governor Cuomo has announced he will not be marching in the Puerto Rican day parade next month. Cuomo’s decision is backed by the police commissioner, police organizations and some major supporters.

This decision stems from the parade's plans to honor Puerto Rican Independence Activist Oscar Lopez Rivera. Lopez was a member of an armed resistance that claimed responsibility for more than 100 bombings around the U.S. and Puerto Rico in the 1970's and 1980's.

Crime: Topics in this category include: a 5-year-old boy was shot by a stray bullet on his birthday in the Bronx; a suspect wanted for the murder of a subway conductor was found dead by the SWAT team and a father of two was attacked on his bicycle and is now in a coma. Police are still searching for the suspect who is a male in his 20's.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 5/2 Anchor Chris Wragge reports the Suffolk County Police have three individuals under arrest in connection with more than a dozen knife-point robberies on Long Island. The arrests come after a Carvel store in Huntington Station was robbed last night. Police believe at least one of the men is the accused robber. The knife-point crime spree started back in February. 6/21 Anchor Mary Calvi reports police are searching for a robber who stole cash from a bus driver and the bus in Paterson, New Jersey. The Paterson Police department released surveillance video of the alleged robber. Police claim earlier this month the suspect boarded an express bus at Main Street and Broadway around 3am. Investigators said the suspect was armed with brass knuckles and a knife and stole \$200 and somehow forced his way into the driver's seat of the bus. Police found the bus a mile away and the suspect is still at large. Paterson police have stepped up patrols downtown to help reduce the crime in that area. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 6/6 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that a five-year-old was hit by a stray bullet in the Bronx on his birthday. Investigators are searching for more evidence on the shooter. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 5/25 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the arrest of a substitute teacher in the Bronx. The teacher is accused of removing a student's hijab. Officials claim the substitute teacher got into a physical altercation over the head covering with an 8-year-old female at PS 76 in Allerton and the teacher is a male 31 years of age. The department of education removed the teacher, who was fired and removed from the school. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 6/13 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the search for a possible sniper by police in the Bronx. It appears a mosque was the target. Officers said last Thursday, someone opened fire outside the mosque on Alexander Avenue and East 141st Street and left a hole in the gift shop window. Investigators believe the shooter fired from the Mott Haven Houses across the street. Then, the following night officers said someone shot at the front window of the mosque and a man walking home from prayer told police he was struck with a pellet gun. As of now police are referring to the incidents as a hate crime. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 5/6 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports the man accused of killing a subway conductor in Brooklyn was found dead in Hackensack, NJ. SWAT team members surrounded a home on first street yesterday and fired tear gas where the accused killer was said to be holed up inside. Once police were able to get into the home, five hours after arriving they discovered his body in a bedroom closet.

The cause of death has not yet been determined. Zire King was wanted for the murder of his girlfriend 41-year-old Jacqueline Dicks in East New York. 6/17 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a father of two from Brooklyn who is in a coma after being attacked on his bicycle while returning home from work. Police said the victim was attacked while riding his bicycle in Bedford Stuyvesant last week. Police are searching for the suspect who is believed to be a male in his 20's with a beard and athletic build.